

Governor's Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting, February 20, 2015

State Data Center, 4430 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29212

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

MEETING MINUTES

Convener: Katie Morgan

Recorder: Stephen Yarborough

Attendees:

Frances Ashe-Goins (Choose Well); Sara Barber (SCCADVASA); Alicia Benedetto (SCDMH); Carl Bowen (SC State Housing); Casie Culver (SCDAODAS); Kim Feeney (SCDSS); Leslie Fisk (SC Legal Service); Nicole Goodwin (SC Victims Assistance Network); Elizabeth Gray (survivor); Jane Key (SC DHEC); Frank Loadholt (CASA Family Systems); Frankie Long (SCDAODAS); Robert Mitchell (SCDPPPS); Katie Morgan (SCDSS); Haley Mottel (Governor's Office); Theresa Roberts (Love House Ministries); Louann Sandel (DAC); Bob Toomey (SCDAODAS); Teesha Trapp (SCDEW); Stephen Yarborough (SCDSS)

The meeting was called to order by Katie Morgan at 10:00 a.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The committee members were welcomed and thanked for their willingness to work toward changing the culture of domestic violence in South Carolina. Members were reminded that the meetings and all the work of the committee are public record.

The members introduced themselves.

II. Defining the Task – Establishing Division Objectives

The mission of the Task Force's Division of Services to Victims and Offenders was reviewed. The first report for Phase 1 of the Task Force is due May 6, 2015.

The Division members began the process of establishing Division Objectives through a brainstorming exercise focused on the characteristics and elements of a successful program and the continuum of services needed for primary victims and offenders and their families. Children were listed as a separate victim group. (The full list of brainstorm topics are attached to the minutes.) Input from the brainstorming exercise will be used to draft objectives for member review and input prior to the next meeting.

The members recognized a need to include representatives of the family court, Child Advocacy Centers, and United Way's 211 system in future meetings.

During the data collection phase there will be need for cooperation from state agencies to share data. The agencies present committed to actively sharing data and encouraging other agencies to do so.

III. Develop Data Collection – What Data Must Be Collected to Meet Objectives. Establish Model and Process.

Members discussed data available at various agencies that could be used as a basis for the data collection activities. DSS has access to a data analysis and GIS staff to support the work of the Division. PPP and DAODAS also committed to have data staff work with the Division. Use of the Appreciative Inquiry Model for data collection was discussed. This model was described as “green light thinking” used to examine strengths and positive features of a program rather than just data capture.

A committee led by Kimberly Feeney was established to develop a model for data collection. The committee was subdivided into data collection for services to victims and services to offenders.

IV. Collect Input From Public – Establish Subcommittee to Facilitate Public Hearing(s)

The Division will hold at least one, perhaps 2, public hearings in late March or early April. A subcommittee led by Stephen Yarborough was established to coordinate the public hearing(s), including any expert testimony that may be needed.

V. Establish Division Meeting Schedule

The Division will meet on the following dates:

Date	Objective
March 13, 2015	Review data collection model Receive instruction on data collection approach Begin reviewing best practices from other states Receive report on Public Hearing times and outreach approach
April 3, 2015	Receive report on progress of data collection activities. Determine roadblocks or assistance needed. Receive instruction on data analysis. Receive report on outcomes of Public Hearings
April 24, 2015	Complete data collection and data analysis Complete summary of input from Public Hearings Begin compiling information into report
May 4, 2015	Review draft of report to be presented to Governor on May 6, 2015

All meetings will take place at the State Data Center located at 4430 Broad River Road. Meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

**Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence
Division of Services to Victims and Offenders
Brainstorming Exercise
2/20/14**

Items in bold were those that were mentioned more than once, or were otherwise prominently mentioned.

Discussion on Victims Services:

Create a comprehensive list victims/families

Training for direct delivery of services

Definition of shelter, beyond the physical structure

Wrap-around services as a continuum

Identify/Clarify all points of entry, to include health care

Screening for abusive behavior & Offering Services

Identify training system in non-traditional venues

Prevention services & treatment services

Housing

Education on rights/barriers families face

Courses available and frequency of delivery for healthcare professionals

What kind of counseling services are available post-abuse? Caution was offered that the services for victims are voluntary only.

Funding stream examination throughout system

Examine how well we are collaborating for holistic care

Examine data collection on which individuals are not being covered, for example, victims in same-sex or dating relationships.

Examination of underserved victims named above, and whether or not they are receiving comparable services to all groups.

Quality services to be delivered equitably across all populations.

Discussion on Offenders Services:

Identify all points of entry.

Collect data -> pattern of behavior -> predictive intervention

Recurrence rates

Clear definition of programs

Quality programs delivered equitably – standards of behavior for the programs offered, not only for the offenders.

Opportunities to better identify victims and offenders

Services to families prior to the incident – to avoid the duality of victims and offenders. How to get in front of problem.

Services available to victim and offenders once they're incarcerated – still serving

Proactive approach

Identification, education, and coordination of the available services, using in a broad context.

It was noted that many of the services identified may cross over both groups.

Children were listed as a separate victim group

